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Dr. George Hashim  
Associate Research Director  
Council for Tobacco Research  
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Dear Dr. Hashim:

Enclosed please find the outline of our proposal for an international conference on the molecular aspects regulating cartilage development. The meeting is going to be held in Bethesda from October 5th to 7th, 1995 and will be open to the participation of 300 scientists. Aside from myself, the other two organizers are Dr. Benoit de Crombrughe, Chairman of the Department of Molecular Genetics at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, TX) and Dr. Bjorn Olsen, Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA). The New York Academy of Science has recently agreed to publicize the conference and publish its proceedings. We believe that about one third of the total estimated cost (\$75,000 to \$85,000) of the conference will be absorbed by the registration fee. This proposal is therefore to inquire about your organization's interest in being a co-sponsorship of the meeting by providing the sum of \$5,000. We believe that the content and scientific scope of the meeting is well attuned with your recently stated interest in fostering research in developmental biology.

Should you need additional material or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me. With many thanks for your kind consideration of our request, looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Francesco Ramirez, Ph.D.

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Enclosure

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